



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge

2017 Event Schedule

Spring Migration Open Weekends

Spring Migration 2017 open weekends begin Saturday, February 25 on Saturday and Sundays then the visitor contact station will be open on Saturdays only starting April 8th and conclude on Saturday, May 13 for International Migratory Bird Day.

Monday – Friday 7:30 am – 4:00 pm

Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Earth Day.....Saturday, April 22 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Activities at refuge Headquarters, hiking trails, and auto tour route

Earth Day is a great time to celebrate wildlife and learn more about our natural resources! This fun-filled free event is open to the public and will include opportunities to take guided nature hikes, learn about local wildlife, call turkeys, see birds through staffed spotting scopes, learn about Monarch butterflies and more!

Be sure to see the 2017 Missouri Junior Duck Stamp display at the Headquarters!

International Migratory Bird Day—Wings Over Weston.....Saturday, May 13

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Weston Bend State Park

Celebrate International Migratory Bird Day at Loess Bluffs NWR taking a self-guided tour around the refuge and look for shorebirds or join us at Wings Over Weston, an IMBD celebration event at Weston Bend State Park (Weston, MO), to learn about birds, their migration, and the importance of conservation of habitat!

Solar Eclipse Watch Party.....Monday, August 21 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Refuge Headquarters and auto tour route

Grab the best seat in the house and watch the 2017 Solar Eclipse as it passes through between 11:40 a.m. to 2:34 p.m. (total eclipse starts at 1:07 p.m.). Learn about "Creatures of the Night" that are here at the refuge.

National Public Lands Day.....Saturday, September 30 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Meet in the auditorium, ends out on the refuge

Come on out and celebrate volunteerism with educational and fun activities! Join refuge staff and volunteers and help catch and tag monarch butterflies and collect native wildflower seed for future habitat restoration projects on the refuge. Wear long pants, closed toe shoes, bring water to drink, and smiling faces!

Family Day.....Saturday, October 14 9:00 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Activities at refuge Headquarters, hiking trails, and auto tour route

Join us for a fun-filled day to celebrate National Wildlife Refuge Week! Learn about native wildlife, take a hike, drive around the refuge, make wildlife-themed arts and crafts, and so much more!

39th Annual Eagle Days.....December 2 and 3

Activities at refuge headquarters and along auto tour route

Join us for a fun-filled bald eagle themed weekend on the refuge! Take a guided bus tour to observe bald eagles, see special exhibits, learn about eagles during live eagle shows, and so much more.

All programs are free of charge.

Directions: Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge, take Interstate 29 to Exit 79 south of Mound City, Missouri then travel south 2 ½ miles on U.S. Highway 159.

For more information, please call (660) 442-3187